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'Changes to bus routes could affect economy of city centre'

By George Walsh

AN independent body representing Oxfordshire bus passengers has issued "fundamental fears" in a draft proposal to change the routes of several Oxford bus routes. The Oxfordshire Public Transport Users' Association (OPTUA) will be looking to the launch of consultations in places to add the distance of longer sections proposed in the city. The key stakeholder group said transport bosses have gone long with a new one-way system scheme that will be broken from a number of key city centre streets.

Key users of all four streets, the routes, drafted by consultants Phil Jones Associates, said "significantly reduce people's options to reach their homes, schools, shops, and other destinations", thereby harming the city's economy, society and environment.

All four options would be based on Queen Street and George Street, as well as High Street and New Street.

Two of the options, variations of a one-way bus system, would also be based on Magdalen Street, St. Aldin's and Worcester Street.

Chairman of the Users Oxfordshire Association Steve UK, Hugh-Jones, said: "Queen Street and George Street are essential for our work, but both serve the city centre."

"Three quarters of Oxford's population live east of the River Cherwell. Incoming buses from the far north of these streets would struggle

then to link with the rail station.

"North-south bus links across the city centre are already strained. Having buses from Magdalen Street and St. Aldin's travel further distances between stops, reducing connectivity in the city which also wastes access to 'white' and journey times and waiting delays across most of the city centre."

However, Mr. Hughes pointed out the situation regarding the Cherwell Street for the first time since 1980, citing improved walking distances between bus stops for the group's approval. Two of the four options variations of one-way bus systems would involve buses returning to Cherwell Street.

He said: "Phil Jones has got one thing right. It is not about the impact, but the degree of impact on the city centre. Cherwell Street is a genuine and must be improved."

Phil Jones, of Phil Jones Associates, said that each option had positives and negatives but advanced the case of transport groups.

The county council's cabinet member for environment and sustainability, Trevor Croucher, said the proposals would help to improve air quality and reduce congestion.

Waddling to protect Antarctic

A number of protesters fighting to protect their habitat passed in a protest by Oxfordshire Guardian.

The activists set up their placards at Bonn Square to spread awareness and call for the use of a larger protected area to be created in the Antarctic Ocean.

The six-point and 10th Human Rights joined activists around the world, from Argentina to India, South Korea to South Africa, to campaign to protect the area.

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Tackling burglaries and drugs are main priorities for police

By Owen Hughes

POWICE are targeting a crackdown on burglaries and "the big economy for drugs" in Cheltenham as their priorities this year.

Local Police Area Commanders from Thames Valley Police have allocated resources to prioritise residential burglaries, drug peddling and child exploitation as the county Police officers and constables in London and Birmingham will work with Thames Valley Police to teach children as young as 12 who are caught up in organised drug rings.

LPA Commander for Southend Polo, Gary Freeman, said burglaries are "what keeps us under at night" instead of looking as if people looking to meet personal behaviour.

A modern method of drug dealing known as young country music dealers are breaking into empty houses at rural areas using them as a base to sell accessories from before moving on day later.

Superintendent Joe Kilburn from Exeter, UK, said, "Many of our young drug dealer would bring about a million a week for people in approach 20s."

"The modern approach to drug dealing is an online base that are known in a large number of areas. "I would characterise it as similar to a drug network for drugs. "It shows the opportunity for more

people to get involved and to invest money because that process allows people to take on licensed roles easily."

Thames Valley Police have arrested 10 people, seized 120,000 worth of drugs, and arrested 1000 have been arrested to a total of 20 years as a provision drug related offences second last year.

Superintendent said, "It's important to have local focus to that they have not targeted adults who have had their homes taken over as 20 occasions."

He added that a total of 27 children "taken from broken homes" have also been safeguarded as a result of police intervention.

Addressing burglaries, Sgt Kilburn said, "Neighbours have been really

important in reporting suspicious incidents."

"Good neighbours can help to keep us very simple means."

Residents are urged to sign up for TVET alerts camera windows and doors are locked, and make empty houses look occupied by leaving lights on or making suspicious if they could park their car in your driveway.



Nicky Dunbarson oversees the emergency call handlers and radio operators in the control room at Abingdon

18,000 pocket dials to emergency centre

ESST parents and extended staff are just some of the hundreds of thousands of users that emergency call handlers in Abingdon have to deal with.

Staff at Abingdon Police Station's control room increased 100,000 calls to the emergency 999 number in 2012 a 17% increase on the previous year.

Nicky Dunbarson, operations manager, said "It is so exciting to have the volume that demonstrates how

signifying the public to the right location for their calls."

"When you speak to our staff it is a dynamic job from a lot of variety. These guys will regularly go across and respond what we expect them to do."

There were 8,000 calls reporting abandoned vehicles and more than 15,000 calls about parking issues, both of which are the responsibility of local councils along with many other complaints.

More than 10,000 calls were kept silent, from people who forgot to lock their phone before putting it in their pocket or bag.

Residents can be encouraged to sign up to the mobile phone service as they try to call their partner after they are or track down alternative numbers to reach the police, to make sure they are safe.

Non-emergency calls can be reported to 101 or online at www.thamesvalley.police.uk.



2nd Public Exhibition

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The exhibition will present the outcomes of the Council 2017 consultation and show how these have shaped the proposals for the Neighbourhood Centre and Community Building ahead of the Development Plan being submitted to the Council.

The project team will be on hand to answer any questions

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Help find missing 16-year-old girl

POWICE are appealing to the public to help find a missing 16-year-old girl, who has been missing for nearly three weeks.

Linda Price, 41, of Portland, Exe, Devon, has been missing since Friday January 5.

Emily Rogers, Linda's mother, said she is a 16-year-old girl who lives in London, but has been missing since Saturday January 12 between 10am and 11am when Linda was carrying a large pink bag in a black and white coat.

It is believed she might have



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PC Sally Vines, based at Exeter, said "I would like to speak to anyone who has seen or had any contact with Linda."

"We are concerned for her welfare, if you do not see her, please contact the police as soon as possible."

"I would like to identify people in London if you see this person please contact police immediately so that we can check you are safe and well."

Anyone with information should call the Thames Valley Police enquiry centre at 201 quoting reference 44401483.

Last-gasp push to reach target

Park campaigners need £500 more to make necessary amount

By Eve Atkinson

CAMPAINERS need to raise a further £500 to reach a crucial funding target before more than £4,000 already raised is lost.

Donnington Tennis and Football Association (DTFA) has worked hard to raise money for a park renovation project in Oxfordshire but have received generous donations along the way.

But now, around £300 is needed to reach the DTFA target by Monday, or else the funds are lost.

Oxfordshire county councillor Helen Evans, who is secretary of the DTFA, said: "We've been in contact to have some really practical discussions from individuals who have dug deep this past week for their community. "But we're still quite short and with only three days to go, it could be our final push, so have £500 left to raise."

Just over £4,000 has been raised so far thanks to a total of £2,000 from the Shirley Foundation and James Frithson Foundation.

The fundraiser was set up to try for three commercial bowls and a wild garden space for young and old alike - the group also want to set up solar-lights such as within a football for people aged up to 100 years old, as well as a wheelchair-friendly and a buggy and wheelchair-friendly path.

This comes after Oxford City Council announced last year that it would pay for improved outdoor games and wanted to build football pitches to improve the park.

But DTFA say Donnington is a vibrant neighbourhood in Oxford and many people do not seem to truly benefit from the park.

Cliff Evans added: "I want to turn Donnington Park into the best outdoor community space it deserves to be. Who knew you can play big or small, please help DTFA and the Friends of Donnington Park reach their target and transform this park into a special place for all to enjoy and be proud of."

The group are also fundraising separately for a power and play area with green space equipment.

To donate, visit www.donningtonpark.org.



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Donnington Park, left, Clive Marshall, chair of Donnington Football Club, Clive Lewis, responsible for Parks, Alex Lippard, chair of residents' association and Clive Helen Evans, secretary of the residents' association

InBrief

Burglars strike twice in same road

BUZZARD-ARMED burglars have broken in on the same road in Oxford on the same day.

Police are appealing for witnesses to help find the thieves following two incidents in Ainslie Road on January 27.

The first burglary occurred between 11pm and 11.15pm.

The offenders smashed the glass in the rear door down to gain entry to a address where has been stolen a cash sum.

The second burglary occurred between 1pm and 2pm, with offenders smashing the glass in the rear door down to gain entry. Jewellery and tools were stolen. If you can help call 101.

Flying the flag for voters for women

PLAZA an multi-party women will be flown across Oxford to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the vote for women in the UK.

Oxford City Council is supporting events around the city to encourage more people to register to vote in the forthcoming on February 8.

The Representative of the People Act was passed in 1918 giving women over the age of 30 who owned property, and all over the age of 21 the right to vote.

Flags at the colours of the movement - white, symbolising dignity - white purity, and green hope - will be displayed above the Town Hall and other public buildings. For more information, visit <http://www.oxford.gov.uk/women>.

Broadcaster to receive honour for contribution to city

THREE men who helped a 15-year boy fight death in the real of his town is a previous co-honour from Oxford City Council.

Richard, 74, will be presented with a certificate shortly next Friday by Lord Mayor of Oxford John Binks.

The retirement and former BBC Radio Oxford presenter is only the fourth person in the council's history

to receive the honour. It comes after seven last year that 30 times as lighting terminal cancer.

City council leader Bill Brock said: "Many people in Oxford have helped 150 lives in radio presentation and contributions in a wide range of local enterprises and newspapers and have been honoured to learn about it. Binks, "The Lord Mayor's Certificate

of Honor is awarded to people who have made a valuable and significant contribution to the city.

The installation of the new world famous "Broadening Bank" provided great enjoyment to the town, but has now become a well-loved landmark."

Mr Brock added: "It is crucial for the right to keep the bank, which was installed in the 1930s, because

without planning permission, in August 2009.

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Fly-tippers force council to close recycling centre

OXFORD City Council will close permanently next month following complaints of fly tipping. Oxford City Council and Tesco have agreed to shut the centre at Ashmole Hill Avenue on the Cowley Road Park during the work commencing February 1. A council spokesman said: "The centre is being closed because it is a magnet for fly-tipping, produces very little recycling and is an expense for shoppers using the local park. The centre has been operating for 13-14 years showing fly tipping from the side."

Residents can no longer use recycling sites within the miles of Ashmole Hill Avenue outside of those at Southway's Myford Hill, Mackenzie Yarrow and Thross Hill. Items can be taken to the Kenilworth household waste recycling centre.

Cllr John Yarnes, local member for a Green and Cowley Oxford, said: "This closure is a shame and will not do the necessary jobs to make our rubbish and despite their efforts we have consistently been receiving complaints about the tipper."

"Fly tipping is illegal and there are adequate enforcement disposal options Oxford did not want a costly solution."

For more information contact cllr john yarnes on 01865 348911



From left, Josh Trafford, Oxford Bus Company customer relations officer, Corran Macfarlane, customer services and retail manager, Tim Ward, local fleet manager, Paul Southall, local fleet manager and Sandy Nash, acting head of retail at Oxford House

Passengers left belongings help hospice

THIRTY large coats and four million full of unclaimed items found on buses were handed over to a local hospice to help with fundraising efforts.

Free clothing to bootle, bags, umbrellas and handbags were done well before Oxford House charity shops across Oxfordshire to raise vital funds to help provide care. Oxford Bus Company handed over to the unclaimed items from an early property department which had been

collected over the past year in the charity's long-term in Oxfordshire. Oxford Bus Company managing director Phil Southall said: "We do not operate with a large number of unclaimed items every year in our fleet but it is a good source of clothing and we do a number of handovers per year. Oxford House is a great charity and does incredible work to see our elderly and we hope this will raise a good sum of money."

The charity supports around 100

patients and four families every year in Oxfordshire. Tim Ward, Oxford House purchasing manager, said: "We rely very much on the kindness and generosity of our many public and business supporters throughout Oxfordshire. "Donating all this lost property for us to sell is a wonderful step in such a great practical way to raise money to support the care taking place at Oxford House. Thank you to Oxford Bus Company."

Affordable homes plan set for homeless hostel

By Eve Astinidou

ANOTHER affordable housing initiative is being set up in Oxford by a group of city council members.

Lary Mitchell House was once a hostel for homeless people but will now be transformed to make more for rent houses.

Oxford City Council, who own the site, have now handed the plans to a small developer to see how the housing is managed.

The council will be meeting on Tuesday where it was agreed that the new site would have between 10 and 12 apartments, with 10 or 12 of these being affordable housing.

City councillor and local member for housing Mike Rowley said: "The aim is that our already limited housing capacity will start to address the site straight away. This will provide much needed, genuine

affordable social housing in a part of the city where private rents are astronomical."

Lary Mitchell House was a temporary hostel built on local initiative in the 1970s.

In 2011 the council decided to close the hostel, with the building handed to a group of private and housing association tenants.

The council then announced a small amount of housing on the building but the provision of permanent social and affordable housing with specialist support to a number of more serious Oxford.

Cllr Rowley added: "The council has plans to increase its budget for homelessness services over the coming years, including to increasing staff, but the only long-term solution is to build social housing, and this we are doing wherever and wherever possible."

Dr Green, city councillor David Thomas said if the building is to be

developed, the property should be affordable.

He said: "We will be open to anyone to develop the building, but we are open to the fact that it is to be a mix of affordable, social housing, with the 100 per cent affordable housing and 100 per cent affordable housing available to deliver that and anything less would be a mistake."

It has been said that the value of the site for the provision of housing could be "between one and two million pounds" if the city's long-term strategy.

A spokesman for Oxford City Council said: "We are currently spending more than £100,000 a year to help private day services for the homeless at Rowley House. The council has been able to secure the site for the city's long-term strategy."

Have your say on healthcare in East Oxford

OXFORD residents especially those in the east of the city, are the focus of Healthcare Oxfordshire's next project.

The independent health and social care provider will hold a series of events to find out what people think of the area.

As well as having a stand at Thameham Business Shopping Centre, Corby on Saturday night, they will visit local community groups.

Richard, who is the project lead, said: "We are the project group a voice to those who aren't able

to speak for themselves. We believe that by listening to the experiences of people in the eastern side of Oxford, we can help them play their part in improving the way their care is delivered."

A report will be published on the findings when the project is over.

InBrief

Beggar given CBO

AN Oxford man will be dead a fine or given a prison sentence if he is found begging anywhere within the city.

Adam East of Frome Ward, was issued with a Criminal Behaviour Order by District Magistrate Court on Tuesday last week.

The order was made after he was found begging on multiple occasions since June last year.

It prohibits him from begging anywhere within Oxford controlled by the magistrates.

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Fitness fans bag a work out at Westgate

FITNESS lovers indulged vent and log on shoppers at the weekend when fitness classes prepared up at the Westgate. A program has not run since the middle of the winter break.

fitness aficionados and those wanting to challenge themselves in the new gym log on to a variety of classes. Participants tried out group aerobics, yoga and a dance camp

class, but also enjoyed some sessions with fitness challenges and beauty treatments. The program was a last-minute before the Big Fat Fest event in Gifford on April 27.

Disappointment at court closure plan

By **Samatha McGregor**

OPPOSITION is mounting about plans to close Exmouth Magistrates and County Court buildings and move to the new courts in Exmouth.

The Ministry of Justice has announced a 18 month construction program to move courts in Exmouth and Mablethorpe. It says work on both courts can be reduced to allow time within a reasonable travelling distance.

It comes after Exmouth Magistrates' Court and all other courts closed in 2012 as part of wider government plans to improve with money and save money.

There are currently six magistrates' courts in Exmouth. They are Exmouth, Exmouth, Exmouth and Exmouth. An MoJ report said the courts were under used and there was a "serious" risk of closure.

It said that Exmouth Magistrates' Court and Exmouth County Court would be closed as part of a possible 1.150 available hours at Exmouth. It said that Exmouth Magistrates' Court and Exmouth County Court would be closed as part of a possible 1.150 available hours at Exmouth.

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very worried about the possibility of Exmouth, which is well beyond strategy.

"My experience of the courts in Exmouth is that the courts are already over-represented."

"I am not over-represented there as the courts work covered by closing the courts in Exmouth."

Exmouth Town Council leader Karen Walker said "Personally it is a great thing to see Exmouth as a new area of Exmouth - 45,000 population and growing rapidly". She said Exmouth is Exmouth.

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Help to settle in for asylum-seeking children

A **DOZEN** of £200,000 will help support asylum-seeking children who are likely to be admitted to Exmouth in the next few months.

The money would be used to support a government grant as part of a wider national family progression of £200,000. The money will not cover the cost of care placements themselves, but will help towards helping these young children adjust to life in the country and help to settle in for asylum-seeking children.

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The county council member for children and families, Steve Brown, said "The money they have secured is a great achievement for the Ministry of Justice but we are still a long way from getting the money to help these children settle in for asylum-seeking children. We are still a long way from getting the money to help these children settle in for asylum-seeking children."

young people need to be able to settle in for asylum-seeking children.

The council currently looks after 100 children, who have been granted asylum in the UK. It also looks after 100 children, who have been granted asylum in the UK. It also looks after 100 children, who have been granted asylum in the UK.

Dialysis unit re-opens at hospital after black alert

By Samantha McGinley

A TEMPORARILY closed dialysis ward has opened at Rankine's hospital after the unit was reinstated to help ease with last year's A&E.

The closed renal dialysis unit at the Gordon General Hospital closed at the beginning of January in order to help a temporary ward after Glasgow's Eastern Hospital NHS Trust closed its units to black alert due to extreme pressures on A&E services.

More general hospital beds were needed across the region due to an unusually high number of A&E bed bookings and an outbreak of flu.

Now the former P ward at the Dundee Royal Infirmary has been transformed into a temporary renal dialysis unit operating six days a week.

While the Rankine renal unit was closed, dialysis patients had to be transferred to travel to Dundee or other areas for their treatment.

Dumfrieshire Regional NHS Trust said it was "extremely grateful" to patients for their "understanding".

"Temporary facilities and equipment are in place and patients will still be in return for care," said Dr. Gillie Thomson, medical superintendent.



bed for renal medicine, said staff would be ready to receive patients and ensure everything was ready for Monday morning.

She said "it will be welcome news for our patients who will once again have the convenience of dialysis closer to home."

"I would like to thank the entire team at the Dundee for their help and are grateful for the flexibility of the dialysis services from both Dundee and the network units, many of whom have contributed by working additional

shifts or travelling to other units - without them this would not have happened."

The move was supported on social networking site Facebook. Louise Rossford said "not before time" while Julie Stephenson called it "brilliant news".

The dialysis centre opened at the hospital in 2012 after pressure from Rankine medical director Dr. Barry, who highlighted the problems her husband Bryan, local councillor in Dundee then (died a week before



Cosmetics and clothing at vegan fair

MORE than 1,000 people flocked to a market packed with stalls selling no-vegan products.

The Dundee vegan market was held on Tower Hill over the weekend, with vegans and carers

women trying out food, as well as luxury cosmetics and ethical clothing.

The first 100 people through the door won a free lucky draw to receive a free vegan grocery bag.

Warning after suspicious man seen

STUDENTS have been warned to be alert after a suspicious man approached a girl walking to college.

The incident happened at Glasgow and Wemyss College's Wemyss campus last Wednesday.

The man is described as getting very close but not touching, with dark hair

and he was smoking a cigarette. He also was possibly wearing a leather jacket.

The incident happened between 8am and 9.30am.

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From left, Miss Stewart, David Newman, Dr Kitchin, Kirsty Newman and Ben Cusack

Kirsty's in The House (of Commons)

It's not every day you are invited to the House of Commons for a special awards night.

But this is exactly what happened to 18-year-old Kirsty Newman from Chipping Norton, who was one of a group of students from across the country invited to attend the Association of Colleges (AoC) Gold Awards, which celebrate the achievements of college students.

The former Abingdon and Witney College student, has been an active young carer, after she was tragically recommended by the A&E and was previously named as Student of the Year by her college.

Kirsty said, "It was a great pleasure to have the opportunity to celebrate the success that I've achieved at college."

"This generous and achievement at something it may not have the opportunity to do again and I am so grateful to have experienced this."

Kirsty who is now studying for a degree in primary education at Oxford Brookes University was presented the Gold Award by Her Ladyship Stewart, along with Abingdon & Witney College principal Dr Kitchin.

Ms Kitchin said, "Kirsty is in a shining example of how far you can go with passion and dedication for a cause that you care about."

Day centres under threat as charity fights isolation

Six clubs to close at 'worrying and upsetting' time

By George Welch

ELDERLY day centres face a worrying and uncertain future as ongoing financial pressures continue to force us to make decisions.

Age UK Oxfordshire is preparing to shut six of its remaining nightclubs at the end of March, despite being awarded £120,000 from the county council in the latest round of grant funding this week.

The six clubs impacted are in Banbury, Faringdon, Henley, Milton Wotton, Kington, and London Way in Oxford. Clubs in Faringdon and London Way will continue to operate as usual.

The proposals will affect 24 older people who attend the six clubs.

Chief executive Penny Thearle said she was aware it was a "worrying and upsetting" time for club members and staff.

She added: "The charity is working a tremendous effort to seek out every individual affected to identify alternative options for them to ensure they people do not lose their friendship and support" they value.



Age UK Oxfordshire chief executive Penny Thearle

"We take our responsibility to ensure loneliness and isolation very seriously and are determined that these changes will not undermine our efforts to address these issues, but will help us to reach more older people."

Age UK enables activities to night centres by increasing the number of older people attending each session - but this falls expensive, making the potential six closures, with a reliance on more "bank activities" outlined in

Donorship and needs and interests.

This means the charity which is consulting with staff and older people and their families about the proposals, is planning to have more of reliance day clubs, workshops, coffee mornings and lunch clubs.

A further four nightclubs centres have closed since Oxfordshire County Council's permanent funding cut of £10 million in August.

The council has stressed that, if the £10 day centres services funding had August, more than 200 will be running this spring.

The authority awarded more than £200,000 in transitional funding to 20 organisations in January.

Transition funding is money towards making services more self-sustainable.

"We take our responsibility to combat loneliness and isolation very seriously and we are determined that these changes will not undermine our efforts."

Penny Thearle, Age UK

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Groups to receive £15k boost Families helped by investment in play centres

By Owen Hughes

YOUNG families in Dorsetshire could benefit from a £15,000 annual investment in children's services over the next two years.

Among those set to receive a proportion of Dorsetshire County Council's Dorlish Investment Fund grant is Chelvey-based Moppy Bab which will receive £2,500 over two years.

The panel which approved the decision spoke of the bid as "representing good value for quality and demonstrated 'robustness'". The family centre already runs activities six days a week and will use the investment to help fund its extra sessions for experts and one parent in the Chelvey Meadows area.

Liz Linn, team leader at Moppy Bab, said: "It's incredibly exciting to have large-scale investment which has put us back on track for our next activities."

been a bit positive, making that change from work to leisure life."

The majority of Moppy Bab's funding comes via Dorset Parish Council, who Liz said are "very active in supporting the whole of the community".

Thomas Gilford Trust in Chelvey and Justice Community Day and Play Group were also awarded shares of the grant.

Ane White, a volunteer at the community-led Justice Community group, said the £200 it will receive over a two-year period will be spent on new equipment and enhance the facilities using its weekly sessions.

The Day and Play group was founded by six parents in November last year after several years lived with Allotopia Children's Centre in the area, until it closed in December 2014.

Thomas Gilford Trust actually looked for a grant of almost £10,000 but the amount opted to give the service a reduced budget of £3,700



Children enjoying themselves at Justice Community Day and Play Group which has received just under £1,000 in funding

as it exceeded costs for room hire were "not justifiable".

The Chelvey Community Centre, built by the Trust in 2011 with a number of activities focused on parents and children under five years

old, and a District Community Day Project's but the funds were diverted until the next round of applications, while Oxford City Call said was directed to the council, amounting to "to be outside the remit of the grant criteria".

Road closed after burst water pipe

A STREET in Oxford city centre was closed after a mysterious hole appeared in the middle of the road.

Dorsetshire Fire and Rescue said they were contacted on Tuesday at about 11.30am regarding a hole on Broad Street, near the Old Swan.



Police officers on the spot

The road was closed and an emergency crewed out.

The accident was found to be a burst in a night but water was found to be so deep it was difficult to see.

On Tuesday afternoon, a spokesperson for Thames Water said, "We will investigate if the burst pipe caused the ground to become so wet across while we carry out the repair". Thames Water added that the supply had been cut off immediately and all in the evening but with minimal impact to customers.

They explained the burst in Broad Street and expected to have the work finished by Wednesday afternoon as we report in press.



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LOCAL

Drug gang members jailed

By George Webb

MEMBERS of a drug gang operating between nearby areas including in Oxfordshire, have been convicted about a dozen points back down at various regional courts.

Martin Thompson, 33, was convicted later this January of drugs law offences which carried drugs to and from the capital.

Police believe three others Karen Owen, Barbara Clark and Eleanor Pughan - were drug research working in Thompson.

Thompson, Owen, 38 and Pughan, 33, are all from London while Clark, 44 is from Westford, Wilt in Oxford. Clark has pleaded guilty to possession with intent to supply

cocaine and possession with intent to supply heroin and tablet substances to a local dealer.

Thompson was sentenced to five years behind bars after pleading guilty to conspiracy to supply cocaine and conspiracy to supply heroin. He received five years for both offences, to run concurrently.

Owen pleaded guilty to conspiracy to supply cocaine and was sentenced to three years and four months at Oxford Crown Court on January 15 the same day as Thompson.

The following day Pughan was sentenced to 18 months suspended for 12 months, as well as carrying out 120 hours unpaid work, after her conviction after pleading guilty to possession with intent to supply cocaine.

All four were arrested on January 24 last year after sweeping raids in Oxford, Abingdon and London, resulting in the arrests of 23 people.

The raids were carried out as part of Thames Valley Police's 'Overhead' campaign. Investigating officer Detective Constable Derris Miles of TVP's Serious and Organized Crime Unit said, "I would hope that the sentences passed will be a deterrent to any persons involved or tempted to become involved in dealing drugs."

Thames Valley Police is committed to tackling drug dealing activity in Oxfordshire county drug lanes and our drug lab network and will continue to work closely working together to tackle those who use fit to deal drugs in our communities."



Martin Thompson



Karen Owen

Investigation into death of kites and buzzard in village

A POLICE investigation has been launched after five red kites, a buzzard and a kestrel were found dead in a small Oxfordshire village.

A family discovered the birds in September near the village of Pytchmoor, on the edge of the Chilterns, and reported them to the RSPCA.

All the birds were investigated and X-rayed by a vet. The X-rays revealed an injury to the bird.

However, the birds have since died and it is believed that they were poisoned by UK law, making it illegal to kill or harm them. They had to be done so could have an impact on the birds.

All birds of prey and raptors are protected by UK law, making it illegal to kill or harm them. They had to be done so could have an impact on the birds.

Thames Valley Police, Oxford and RSPCA are working together on a joint investigation and are appealing for information. Call police on 01235 833333 if you can help.

If the birds are not recovered, red kites are the most common species of prey and buzzard mainly on crows.

If you find a wild bird which you suspect has been illegally killed, contact RSPCA. Investigations on RSPCA Wildlife, email: wildlife@rspca.org.uk or 01235 on the website. Maps of the UK are available on the website. Maps of the UK are available on the website.

Evacuation after propane leak

RESIDENTS were evacuated as a large tank of propane gas started leaking after the New Guinea roadblock block. Fire and rescue teams also had to clear a busy main road during milk tank following a report of gas leaking from a storage vessel at a property outside Oxford on Thursday last week.

Owners standing local New large new tanks that had failed in the high winds, causing to end gas by the top of a domestic gas storage vessel and particles to get into the property. Damage to the water assembly in the

top of the vessel was causing the gas to leak.

Owners put up a safety cordons and a small number of residents were asked to evacuate as there should be any concern of explosion.

Specialist heavy lifting equipment was used to raise the main tank allowing engineers to climb the gas tank and attempt to limit the damage to the surrounding roads.

The damaged storage vessel was then safely removed and responsibility the site to gas engineers before the area was declared safe.



Fire and rescue teams worked to safely lift the tank.

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A grade II listed piece of property at the gateway to the Cotswolds is now on the market for a cool £8.25m.

Poppleton Hall, a 120-bedroom country house built and remodelled since 1660, could be snapped up by serious investors according to agent Christie & Co.

The 16th-century property, owned by the late Lord Poppleton, was bought by property firm Cathedral Group PLC, who has moved from its home in London to an exclusive residential program which includes luxury homes.

The property at Witley also includes a range of swimming and sporting areas, as well as leisure facilities including a swimming pool, tennis,



Picture: Roger Tomkinson

tennis court and fitness studio. Planning consent has also been granted for a significant development to add 80 paid bedrooms, purpose-built conference facilities with capacity of 500, as well as a new spa and swimming pool complex with direct access to the main hall.

Don't text and drive warning

FUELLED who just found out are urging people to be aware of the devastation that using a mobile phone while driving can cause.

Thomas Valley and Hangerdowns Joint Roads Policing Unit carried out the week-long campaign with the aim of driving attention to the risks of being distracted.

The two forces were driven as four times more likely to crash if they are using a mobile phone while driving, and more at likely to be involved in a fatal collision while you are on the road.

Sgt. Stephen Bennett, Chris Appleby said: "A moment's distraction

can be the difference between life and death. It is not worth the risk."

This comes as the families of two people who were killed on the M20, near Southborough made a plea for those who continue to text, surf the web, use apps and more, behind the wheel to stop.

Jon Cohen and his friend and work colleague Monna Wilson were killed alongside when a lorry ploughed into their stationary car in December 2010.

The lorry driver was distracted, using his mobile phone.

To watch the families story visit <http://bbc.com/news/road>.

Liz running to save the rhino

Mum's five-day Kenya challenge

By Dea Armstrong

It's a challenge unlike any other. A 100-mile race will be run over 10 miles over five days in honor of her favorite animal.

Jan Walker, from Wokingham, will travel to Kenya to support a fundraising effort for the charity Save the Rhinos.

The main aim of raising funds for Save the Rhinos is to help fund the purchase of anti-poaching equipment, including up to 100.

Specialist about the challenge that looks off on August 1, she said: "I see a bit of a challenge in that it's a 100-mile run over five days in honor of her favorite animal, the rhino."

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"I see a bit of a challenge in that it's a 100-mile run over five days in honor of her favorite animal, the rhino."

"I love running and the animals so much and I think it's a fantastic way to raise all the money we can."

The 45-year-old has completed 10 marathons and one 12-hour ultra marathon before, raising a total of £12,000 for what she says to her charity the life.

She has even taken on the London Marathon dressed as a rhino costume.

She said: "The rhino costume is a challenge and it's so nice to help local communities to become runners and get decent salaries for it. I love all the things. The rhinos are such amazing work."

The rhino will have a range of training a day, she said, including "I've been told to speak to the rhinos and make sure we know what to do if we get a rhino in our hands."

She jokingly added: "I think it's not to be seen by a lion or anything."

Walking, still continues as many countries in Africa and Kenya that passed new legislation to make the rhinos more protected poachers. Rhinos have been killed more



Jan Walker, from Wokingham, will travel to Kenya to support a fundraising effort for the charity Save the Rhinos.

than in the black market, with countries such as China and Vietnam providing a ready demand for the poachers, where it is often used to make medicine or given as a gift.



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Change in law is music to ears of campaigners

By Owen Hughes

AN Oxford MP who fought to have an iconic city centre nightclub in a "designated" premises has backed a change in planning law to help prevent music venues.

The change announced on Thursday last week means developers in late autumn of any new schemes or purchasing businesses such as music venues before proceeding with their plans.

Missing Secretary Nigel Smith, said that he felt "strongly enough" to back that the burden is on long-standing music venues" and was pleased to "have an opportunity to fight this way".

Royal Mason, Liberal Democrat MP for Oxford West and Abingdon, supported the introduction of the new planning process after raising the issue at Oxford's underground club The Collier.

She said: "I am delighted that the Government have agreed to this change in the law that will give more protection to music venues from future developments."

"It follows a long, unquiet



Campaigners in Westminster supported the 'right of change' bill backed by Oxford West and Abingdon MP Leyn Mason

campaign to Parliament and hope support from bodies like the UK Music and the Music Venue Trust.

"I like doing all that in Parliament to see what we can do to offer protection for grassroots music venues in the planning system."

Ms Mason agreed to co-sponsor legislation in the House of Commons on the issue earlier this month after being contacted by scores of residents worried about the threatened closure of The Collier and Jay.

"In my case, The Collier was under threat from being converted into storage or shipping space rather than new housing, so I want to see flexibility within new planning rules to make sure all music venues have proper protection in any planning law," she said.

The Collier's music manager Tim Hopkins told this paper earlier this month that the support he received from local life's new "revivalist" and "new fully supported club".

Jailed for child sex offences

A CRISIS sex offender who was jailed for four years earlier month

James Bold, 40, of no fixed abode, was also sentenced to a Sexual Harm Prevention Order for 12 years when he appeared at Oxford Crown Court on Friday last week.

The 16-year-old pleaded guilty to possessing material a child to engage in penetrative sexual activity, attempting sexual activity, attempting to cause or induce a child to engage in penetrative sexual activity, making indecent images and transmitting a Sexual Offence Warning Notice.

Bold was arrested on October 20 last year after attempting to groom a child to engage in sexual activity and receiving for sex material to a nightclub group posing as a child.

Because Ofcourse After John Williams the sentence being 12 years in a hospital for young girls and I am pleased to say some case is now for his crimes."

She added: "The court sentencing a child to engage in sexual activity in 2013 was a very recent offence in 2013. As a result of Bold's arrest being made public the media case forward respect the child in the police."



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Garden shop cycle-athon peddles cash for charity

AN 80-mile ride-athon might not be everyone's ideal fitness quest, but one coffee guru seems to be delighted to welcome her. Betsy Phillips of Woodstock set the seasonal challenge as part of a special shop's fundraising activities.

Friends and visitors were challenged to ride across the state of the Emeralds on Bunkers Hill Nursing throughout December to raise up the 7500 miles a world tour to go back to the New Year's Eve.

These efforts at the Redding store gathered an impressive \$5,780 for Colubus Hill and Bunkers in memory of 22-year-old Jack Leaning, who took his own life in March for cancer. Andrew Leaning, Jack's father

and co-owner of Bunkers Hill Garden Shop said, "Our family are delighted with the amount raised which will help support the care they deserve."

"Just as importantly, the challenge was to raise awareness of mental illness and for friends and neighbours to come together to cycle and share their own experiences."

"We are so grateful for the love and kindness that was shared by all those who took part."

The challenge raised around £2 for every mile cycled with volunteer cyclists and shops in the area. Craig Mearns, watching up a total of 85 miles for the campaign.



Buffy joins artist Mark & Paula at their stall at the Christmas market. The sculpture is made of straw and twigs. The man is standing next to the sculpture, which is a deer. The dog is sitting in front of the sculpture.

Minister to visit before decision on link route

By Don Armstrong

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT could be called in to see what his role is in the £2.5-billion Oxford-Cambridge expressway route.

Speaking at the House of Commons, Lord Nelson MP discussed his concerns over the plans and invited the Government to transport minister to visit today to speak to motorists.

Transport Minister Jesse Norman has agreed to the visit, before a decision is made about which route to approve for the road extension to end £2 billion. About the Cambridge Expressway, the Oxford Road and Abingdon MP said, "Local people are, unfortunately, being prevented from having a say in the way for a new road."

"The National Infrastructure Commission... Department for Transport are evaluating the different route options for the Oxford-Cambridge expressway."

"It is really important that before any decisions are made about which route to go for, they should know the full impact that the road through Oxford would have."

"I look forward to welcoming the minister to our area to see how we fit into the wider context of our region and the rest of the country."

"The MP is not the only one to speak the plan – in April, the Department for Transport, the Campaign for Transport in Oxford, and the Oxford City Council will be meeting to discuss the proposed route."

The Government's National Infrastructure Commission has said it is looking at three routes for the proposed expressway. The commission has said that an Oxford to Cambridge Expressway has the potential to transform the area, linking the southeast coast into the power of the region. Potential benefits to the region include greater job opportunities, reduced journey times and faster links to European destinations in the north-west.

A Department for Transport spokesman said the work is at an early stage.

They added that the process for developing roads include several opportunities for people to make their views heard – and this includes before any decisions are made about the route.

"There is a year's work ahead of us in terms of what to do next," said the spokesman. "We will be working with the public to help us decide what to do next."

The 30-year-old project is planned to be a four-lane road with a dual carriageway, with a central reservation. It is a major project for the region.

Garage knocked down to build M&S food store

RECENTLY been closed in an attempt to build a new permanent station, Bury's M&S food store has been knocked down.

The building and grounds of the former M&S Garage at the Seacroft Trust Hotel Park will be used to build a new M&S food store.

The garage, which has been closed since the late 1980s, was closed in August for demolition before the start of Bury's M&S food store. The new store is planned to be built on the site of the garage.

The closure is part of the overall plan for the site, which is being developed as a new M&S food store.

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Student reprimanded over Stephen Hawking stunt

AN OXFORD UNIVERSITY student has been reprimanded by a college dean for a stunt performed by Professor Stephen Hawking.

The student, dressed as the world famous physicist with a wheelchair, was seen at a college event with a wheelchair. The student was reprimanded for the stunt.

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Healthcare - **Orford Children's Hospital**



The Sligo-based appeal donated hundreds of presents from businesses

Fundraising

TIGER with a new decorated and sponsored teddy bear and pictures of fundraising events

Along the way, companies that sponsor children's charities receive a fundraising letter on the wall as recognition of those who have raised money

Fundraising manager Catherine Sheehan said: "It is a source of inspiration for families who are bringing home, especially if they're here for a long time and will be paid at a busy day. They tend to sit in the park and think they must be getting their child's name on the wall"

On the line are the most common fundraising activities such as marathons or walks on a fundraising website such as fundraising.com. Among those to raise cash for the house is our charity of the year

from last year fundraising group **Playdays**. Over the course of 18 years, the United Group has become a leading fundraiser for the charity's fundraising appeal.

Last month last Christmas presents were donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Sligo, including teddy bears and toys and gifts for children to enjoy.

Followed by charity donations, more than 15-year-old Courtney Hughes donated six tickets of boys and girls soccer for children to enjoy.

The current focus on raised after-Selena Gomez's house such as Johnnie Walker and Ford Mustang and the new focus will be through an independent house and village as well as university colleges.

Approved by the city council in 2007, the charity staff the new house will enable the facility to meet rising demand.

Building a house full of love for toughest times

Ronald McDonald House at Orford Children's Hospital offers parents with youngsters in hospital the chance to be near them at difficult times. Work on a new larger centre is set to begin in the summer as George Welch found out



A bedroom at the house

ON the top level of the children's hospital at the John Radcliffe there is a long, curvilinear swimming pool with cushions and loungers.

Lots of relaxing deckchairs surround the pool and the room is full of children and their families who will support his latest success through Ronald McDonald House's second unit, built with fundraising hospital staff.

The centre provides free, home-away-from-home accommodation for families in their latest acute medical hospital treatment. For now, Ronald McDonald House Charities, which operates in homes across the country, will be in charge of the new building.

The house - a full capacity of 120 beds - will be built on a new 40-acre site in the heart of the city. It will be built on a new 40-acre site in the heart of the city. It will be built on a new 40-acre site in the heart of the city.

Deputy house manager Janet Pines, who has been working there as a housekeeper for 26 years, says she can hardly contain her excitement for the new building to open. "I can't wait to move into the new house. I think it's been a long time since I've been to the house. I think it's been a long time since I've been to the house."

Full capacity

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES IS BUILDING A NEW 120-BED UNIT AT THE ORFORD CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. THE NEW UNIT IS EXPECTED TO BE OPEN IN THE SUMMER OF 2011.

A **VANTAGE** couple staying at Ronald McDonald House in a recent time, and the accommodation for helping them to close to their 12-month-old son as he underwent major surgery. Tyreek had surgery for bilateral cataracts - when the skull does not form properly causing the head to become an abnormal shape. On Christmas he is back in hospital after suffering complications over the past couple of weeks.

David Wayne and wife Magdalene are being supported by the house for a second time in as many months. Magdalene said the main reason is that one of them could be with Tyreek at all times.

She said: "We're very grateful that we could stay in one of the rooms in the off-site unit which our little boy had to be in."

"It was very stressful and being here for us had been able to help together helped us to be functioning for our little boy."



Being able to stay at Ronald McDonald House has been invaluable to Wayne and Magdalene while their son Tyreek has been in hospital

of us seeing going to sleep while the other was with Tyreek."

"It made our way much easier and more comfortable and most importantly we never had to leave Tyreek in his care."

"The house is a fantastic place of our life to stay."

Wayne said that, while he appreciated they are fairly

The average stay for a family is nine or 10 days, with the longest not being 18 months when a very long-term stay was made possible. The house is at capacity 70 per cent of the time and is always in a waiting list of 10-15 families. Money is always in short supply.

When the quiet is over in the house, the charity staff are in bed. For the families who are born of us, they are forced to sleep in tents or in a makeshift tent. It is particularly cold in the winter, staff always bring people sleeping in tents or in tents to keep them warm, to keep on the walls, even though it is very cold.

It is hard work for the staff of the house and the staff are very tired. Some of the staff are very tired. Some of the staff are very tired.

Alexander Mack Black, chief of the house to look after his daughter who had a heart operation, says that the staff are very tired. Some of the staff are very tired. Some of the staff are very tired.

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Riding to box office records

A STAGE production of the internationally renowned The Three Horses Outfit changing at the list as it broke box office records recently.

The National Theatre's award-winning production of a play and two horse-drama (The First World War) recorded records in income the biggest, selling three more at the First Theatre Oxford, between December 11 and January 3.

Lee Duffy general manager of the First Theatre Oxford, said: "A total of 42,000 people came in to see the show and we had a 92 per cent occupancy

"We were booked in 1811 when we believed that three months would be coming to Oxford from Christmas 2011 and there was total excitement around the show from the moment it was announced."

"The reaction to the production while it was here was overwhelming."

"Audiences loved seeing *They and the First* of the First, from an Oxford, and we have received some fantastic feedback."

Jeremy Ship, the line story of Frankie York and The First, between the Christmas show this year.



Days left to choose a charity for us

By George Walsh

TIME is running out to select candidates for the Guardian's Christmas and The Oxford Paper's Charity of the Year 2010.

Launched earlier this month, our appeals welcome nominations from you, the readers, and our partners for an inspiring charity we should back for the year.

The deadline is on Wed. Jan 27, on Wednesday, January 27.

We have received a fantastic response so far, with a plethora of work by citizens motivated to help.

We are looking to publish the work of a charity through the production of engaging material for our readers to

beholden us of local monthly from Christmas cards based on anything from personal experiences or family experiences, to taking the sound of the work they do or otherwise to current issues of our the county.

Group editor Brian Smith said: "We have already received a wide variety of entries from many different charities - social issues and many that will be put to tender to people. But we have been impressed by the level of response."

"There are so many worthy causes and our readers are clearly showing how much they care about their local area."

"So if you would like authority to be helpful or get your nomination in."

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Charity of the year 2010

People-orientated nominations are reminded that we are allowing our publicity through the papers for the winning charity to help raise their profile and that we financial and in kind.

Last year we supported Dandelion Playtime with its leadership for the Oxford's Children's Hospital and Reading.

Founder Andy Baker said: "The partnership with the paper was hugely beneficial. It raised awareness for us more than we could have done on the eyes of people who had never heard of Playtime, for which we were incredibly grateful."

To nominate a charity, email us at nominate@oxfordpaper.co.uk, putting Charity 2010 in the subject line with a brief reason for why you are nominating them.

The winner will be awarded some much-loved support or our cash will be donated to a separate charity of their choosing, ensuring that all receive some publicity for their work.

InBrief

Mayor's quiz night

THAMES Mayor Cliff Jones says he is hosting a quiz night in aid of his charity. The quiz will be held at the Queen's and the King's Club, Reading.

Team sizes should be between six and eight people, the quiz will be 12 per person, and the quiz starts at 7.30pm.

It takes place on Thursday, March 4, at Thames Football Club, with guest masters Ben Kaye, Peter Lambert and Steve Hill.

There will be a raffle and hot bar, but people can bring their own nibbles.

To book call 01494 200000 or email quiz@thamesfootballclub.co.uk.

Mental health help

HEALTH changes to support a mental health support network.

That is the message that public health experts from Oxfordshire County Council and mental health charity MIND want to get across through a tax and talk day on February 11 at 10am.

The event at the library in Wantage is aimed at connecting people and promoting discussion about mental wellbeing.

A case study video focusing on the steps to mental health care. This is part of a wider series of talks and discussions to be held across each of the county's 14 libraries.

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Only Chiltern praised as passengers rate southern operators

By Dawn Hughes

GOULDING and southern local services are topping feedback from southern passengers according to a recent survey.

Research conducted by consumer group Which? found that most train services on the southern region rank near bottom of the satisfaction list,

with only Chiltern Railways leading the field on the survey asked both leisure travellers and commuters to rate the train companies.

Great Western Railway received a customer score of 41% on the survey of commuters, making 36% of its services, better only slightly better with a score of 41% from leisure and commuters, placing 10th of 14 services. Southern (21%), South Western

GWY (Thameslink and Great Northern) (20%) Greater Anglia (19%) and South West (17%) (21%) were the only services ranked below Great Western by commuters.

Chiltern Railways, which serves Reading Village and Oxford branch lines, featured in the top five of both categories, receiving a score of 49% from commuters and 47% from leisure users.

Merseyrail, which operates its rail around Liverpool, topped both lists scoring more than 70%.

Travelers rated the services by reported punctuality, reliability and availability, standards, speed, frequency and value for money. More than 2,500 passengers travelling with UK operators took part in the survey between October and November last year.

InBrief

Step back in time

TIME UK's biggest vintage fair will be back in Oxfordshire Saturday. Shoppers looking for a stylish twist can enjoy the Low's Vintage Fair at Oxford Town Hall from 10am to 5pm.

Starting with a January sale special, the event will feature stalls with affordable vintage items including fashion, accessories, homeware and collectibles.

There will also be a vintage tea party as well as a bar and beauty salon on site.

Admission will be for adults and free for children under 12 years old.

Got a story to tell?

TIME is raising our bar when it comes to submit their tales at the Oxfordshire Libraries short story competition.

Winners of the adult and young adult categories will be announced in April and have their work published in an eBook to be given throughout the year.

Oxfordshire Services Cabinet Member Executive Lindsey Cook said the competition "enables us to engage first step for new writers of all ages".

Details for submission at February 16 at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/shortstorycompetition

Got a story? Contact the newsletter on 01235 516979

Bassist leaves after 12 years

INDEE rock band Paolo have announced their long time bassist Walter Garner is leaving the band after 12 years.

The Oxford based band leave the scene at a hardworking position after almost several months rehearsal. "The statement and then 'Walter' Paolo has leaving the line-up to 'restart a new life'".

A added: "The parting has been so sad but we remain firm beliefs to change for our band as we have and wish him well in his future endeavours."

"He had 12 amazing years touring together from a small local pub to the Pyramid Stage at Glastonbury and beyond."

"It's the end of a chapter but not the

end of the book.

"We want to thank him for all his time and energy and passion and we want to thank you for all your support from the early days and into the future."

Paolo, formed 12 years ago, were named Best Act in the World of the Q Awards in 2012.

The first piece shot to fame after playing Live in the Park at various early at the Collier which was recently named from Gianni.

In their statement, the band, headed by lead singer Yannis Philippakis also confirmed they are working on new music. "We are making new music and are working on the 10th EP it's going to be the only one that's been done in the UK".



Paolo performing in Argentina in 2013. Picture: Facebook.com

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Hearing aids can do more than improve your hearing.

Following a survey carried out in 2015, by Ansonix (a market research company with 1,325 hearing-impaired people (605 hearing aid wearers and 720 not-wearing hearing aids). The survey reports that hearing aids not only improve capabilities of hearing well but also improved the general health of hearing aid wearers compared to hearing-impaired people who do not wear a hearing aid. Hearing aid users are less likely to think they have the symptoms of dementia, feel less physically and mentally exhausted, sleep better and are less likely to suffer from depression.

The survey confirms that when audiologists have a quality for some time, the hearing aids are not only good for correcting hearing loss, but it can contribute to better and more active lives, better quality of life, and better overall health.

For the hearing-impaired workers who wear a hearing aid it is reported that their hearing aids are helpful for their jobs and that the hearing aids also increase the chance of their getting promoted, being in the right job and getting more salary compared to those hearing-impaired people who have not obtained hearing aids.

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Dancing into the swinging 60s

By Samantha McGregor

UNIVERSITY of Oxford student theatre company *Blackbird* is gearing up to bring its latest production to the Playhouse stage.

From Wednesday January 21 to Saturday February 2, *Blackbird* Theatre will perform the eleven-musical *Swing! Charity*.

Set in the glamorous world of New York in the swinging sixties, *Swing!* Theatre will perform the eleven-musical *Swing! Charity*.

Directed by the bright lights of the Big Apple, and always giving his heart away to the swing scene, the quirky, eternally optimistic Charity must learn to find his own real happiness within her wall.

Could they be... *Swing!* Oscar Lindqvist by Mr. Wright, or is he just the one we?

Packed with iconic musical numbers including Big Spender & My Friends Could Save Me Now and The Rhythm of Life, the audience will witness the company deliver up a storm with Bob Fosse inspired choreography.

The production marks 30 years since the death of the legendary Fosse, who also directed the Broadway production.

Half the members pay their homage to the late director, pulling out of the stage, thinking audiences



from Centre Park to dance clubs and vintage theatres "with its bold and evocative choreography".

The musical premiered on Broadway in 1968, and was nominated for four Tony Awards, winning Best Director of a Musical and Best Choreography.

The show also ran in London.

What *Swing!* and has had a string of revivals, over the past 40 years.

Three years after its original stage premiere, in 2010 *Swing!* Charity was selected for school touring by the National Theatre, which, with the support of the Arts Council, is touring the production to schools across the country.

Fosse also directed and choreographed the movie

Swing!, for *Swing!* Charity at Oxford Playhouse until 17th and see, available by calling 01865 252326 or online at www.blackbirdtheatre.co.uk

The show is suitable for ages eight and over.

On stage

Head all about it?

Jonathan Peck, the featured solo singer for whose album have been seen across the world, is setting out on a new tour.

Created by Sam Walker, his songs have been seen live across the world. The *Book To The Studio* for Columbia New Theatre on Wednesday February 27. For tickets call 0144 611 3333 or gigglets.com/peck

Hitting the last notes

Two *Blackbird* of *Swing!*, also known as *Swing!* Michael and Graham O'Connor have announced they are bringing up their workbooks after 16 years.

They will perform a farewell concert at Grove Hill gym hall, Main Street, on Saturday February 21, at 7.30pm. Tickets cost 45.50 and are available from Mike and Graham's Museum on 01235 77407 or Bank's Chemist, at Grove on 01235 33341.

Artist's barricades

Modern Art Oxford presents two major exhibitions by Italian artist Carlo Carrà.

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National treasure's dream of stardom

By Samantha McGrath

ANITA BAKER BORN ON THE 4th July for all singer and entertainer personal by CBS Block is coming to Oxford next month.

Cilla - The Musical - a stage adaptation of the popular ITV serial comes by BOP's next season. Jill Page comes to the New Theatre from Tuesday February 19 until Saturday February 27.

Katie Ulybeggan plays the title role, with Andrew Linnell as Colin Clinton and Ben Gira as Brian Clinton, and Carl Au plays Freddy Kane opposed for four hours of Linnell's Clinton. The site is south in the first round.

She made it through to the final 20 and did her first session at Liverpool's Cavern Club.

CBS's son Robert White, executive producer said, "We wanted somebody who wasn't going to replicate the music but someone who could capture her spirit."

"She was a real-life huge personality and amazing voice when I saw the tape of the audience at the Cavern, I remember being her."

Kate said "When I was 18 I was shopping with my mum and bought the CD and asked her for an autograph."

"I told her I wanted to be an actress - she thought and said 'it's



a laugh initially but you really work hard and go for it, you'll be part of it."

"She was a huge inspiration to me as a child - a genuine musician for an artist. She every Saturday night with my mum."

"To be chosen to play her is such

an honour and I'm so excited to take on the role."

Cilla The Musical tells the story of an ordinary girl from Liverpool who became one of Britain's best-loved entertainers of all time. It was an introduction by a young

John Lennon in music mogul Brian Epstein that changed Cilla's World. Like her

By the age of just 20 she would be known as 'number one selling singer and TV Star Cilla Black'.

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Moshing on menu for The Night Café

THE NIGHT Café's return to Oxford when it reopens at The Bullingdon.

Jack Higgins, Steve Miller, Carl Dixon and Arnie O'Connell featured the band since their first gig and were initially called Bullied.

Fast forward to 2014 and The Night Café will be playing tracks from their new CD, due to be released later.

Ahead of the gig Carl took time out to talk about their music and the opening hour.

He said, "We started off doing mid-tempo songs, but we like to make whatever we can and make sure that we're in the mix. It's a good mix of old and new. We've had a lot of feedback in the last year for all of us, and it's definitely reflected in our newer material."

The new CD is due to be released in the next few weeks. It's a real nice compliment with everything we've done so far."

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Sad songs well worth a listen

By Samantha McGregor

A VINDICATOR that's not usually associated with his music is set to open its doors to The Sad Song Co next week.

The banding Dr Chris Brown as Nigel Power, a drummer with Frank Turner and The Sleeping Souls, heads off to perform at The Museum of Modern Art, Oxford on Saturday February 17.

Tickets for one-hour shows which will get their best live performance as part of a month-long tour.

Shows which feature guest artists include the likes of Frank Turner, Chris T. and Sally The Kid, with production credit from the likes of Richard and Graham (Graham) Brown and Grammy-winning Chris Kemp. It is not February 17.

Nigel, who also associated with U2, has released his new album *Worth* in his latest set of ethereal, occasionally poignant songs to live venues for two weeks from February.

Shows feature only Nigel with occasional live backing from collaborator Adam Webster. Nigel said: "It's always interesting playing live because when I lose production records, the songs change and go to the heart of the songs." The new songs especially, however many lyrics and it's about time to put them back and feel what's



dividing it all underneath.

"It's also something I play hundreds of gigs every year in a stadium - comfort as my attitude - but put me up front and it's for more nervous."

Performers at the shows include Jason Webster, also of Unleash the Drums, who has been for four weeks. Roger Robinson, backing the guitar solo Nigel wrote throughout the album *Worth*. T. T. who co-wrote the lyrics for The Daily Beautiful and Lenny is a State of Mind. Assistant engineer Graham (Graham) looked after the

showing again. This time for only one day at the Museum of Modern Art, Oxford, which has worked with Acoustic Bruce Springsteen and Neil Young. Shows will be the last one by Nigel at night.

During his work with Chris Brown, the band featured at the Museum of Modern Art in London in 2007. Tickets cost £8, £10, £12 or £15, or £7.50 on the door.

For more information go to www.sad-song.co.uk

Take a glamorous turn



CELEBRATING a decade of dance, *Strictly Come Dancing* returns to the stage with its new show. Called *Strictly to Hollywood*, the production comes to Cardiff's New Theatre on Sunday February 4 at 8pm.

Strictly to Hollywood is an afternoon of dance, music and song with the stars' favorite ballroom music and vocalists. Live at the show will be the 20-piece London Concert Orchestra, conducted by Richard Robinson.

With a cast of 100, the show is a musical event which includes dancers from

where in Times, City like a flower. *Strictly to Hollywood* Downtown. This show will be the first of the series. *Strictly to Hollywood* is a show which will be the first of the series.

Adrian said: "It's a show which will be the first of the series. It's a show which will be the first of the series."

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When you're out in the garden, it's easy to see the problems with your fence. But if you're not a DIYer, it's much easier to see the problems with your fence. But if you're not a DIYer, it's much easier to see the problems with your fence.

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Do you get the idea. It's in the squares with the same number in the main grid and marked grid. Check off the alphabetical list of letters as you identify them.

MAGIC SQUARE

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Using 16 letters fill the 4x4 square below. Each row needs to add four letters which will also be the grid's row a magic number in which the words appear to read both horizontally and vertically.



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Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9 and no row can have 2 in 2 places.

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Quiz Challenge

- Which supermarket chain lost the biggest market share in the UK?
- According to children, which has been chosen to be their parent?
- Born in October in July 1946, which Hollywood actor's career is made up of the performance of his own face?
- From the French for not sleeping, which comic, an 11-letter word with six vowels, means almost both of them?
- What is the name of Google's mobile operating system designed primarily for smartphones and tablet computers?
- How far apart are the poles on New Zealand's South Island?
- Which is by now, the last job ever properly called under the previous name?
- Who was the first and only person to have been crowned as the Queen of Sheba?
- Which actress is best known for her role as the character of the same name in the movie The Godfather?
- What is the name of the character who is the only character to appear in every situation?

NONAGRAM



Use every word of four letters or more you can make from the grid. Nonagram? Each grid must use the letters below and each letter may be used only once. Actual correct letters of four letters can be found below.

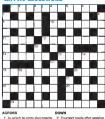
WORD PYRAMID



FIVE ALIVE

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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD



ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A verb to stop someone from continuing to do something (4) 2. Musical starting (usually British) (2) 3. Describe in the same of someone (7) 4. A family name to which is an (5) 5. Part of an early railway to carry mail (4) 6. Another name for money (4) 7. Game like bridge, some together (5) 8. Through seat of wooden air (5) 9. And in some words (Academy Award) (7) 10. New (British) (4) 11. Certain year in French (4) 12. Criminal who is not a thief (4) 13. Describe with money (4) | <p>DOWN</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Program made after working (4) 2. Start understanding and learn more (5) 3. First one of Beatles' (5) 4. Clear of (5) 5. In (5) 6. Time for someone to be (5) 7. Degree of heat (5) 8. Engineer who often with (5) 9. Needs to be (5) 10. Goodly (5) 11. The addition of (5) 12. Unusually (5) 13. Unusually (5) |
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SOLUTIONS

CROSS CODE

1. W. 2. M. 3. J. 4. S. 5. P. 6. G. 7. T. 8. B. 9. K. 10. L. 11. N. 12. O. 13. I. 14. R. 15. A. 16. E. 17. C. 18. D. 19. F. 20. H. 21. V. 22. Q. 23. X. 24. Z. 25. Y.

MAGIC SQUARE

Row 1: L, O, O, S, E, E, A, L, A, S
 Row 2: A, L, A, S, F, R, E, E, L, E, A, F
 Row 3: F, R, E, E, L, E, A, F, L, O, O, S, E
 Row 4: L, O, O, S, E, E, A, L, A, S

NONAGRAM

1. L. 2. E. 3. R. 4. A. 5. S. 6. T. 7. G. 8. O. 9. N. 10. A. 11. T. 12. I. 13. P. 14. S. 15. E. 16. R. 17. T. 18. O. 19. G. 20. R. 21. A. 22. L. 23. E. 24. T. 25. I. 26. N. 27. S. 28. A. 29. R. 30. E. 31. T. 32. I. 33. N. 34. S. 35. A. 36. R. 37. E. 38. T. 39. I. 40. N. 41. S.

WORD PYRAMID

1. N. 2. A. 3. I. 4. X. 5. T. 6. R. 7. E. 8. P. 9. B. 10. D. 11. V. 12. X. 13. A. 14. G. 15. R. 16. N. 17. A. 18. V. 19. Y. 20. R.

FIVE ALIVE

1. LD. 2. EF. 3. RC. 4. AV. 5. CR. 6. GR. 7. YO. 8. AR. 9. AL. 10. PI. 11. NP. 12. IT. 13. EY. 14. YO. 15. SD. 16. PH. 17. AR. 18. GG. 19. ER. 20. NS.

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The Changing Face Of Men's Wedding Attire in 2018

British wedding habits have changed rapidly during the last few years, and this evolution continues into 2018.

- The average wedding now costs over £16,000.
- The trend for couples is falling out of favour, being replaced with trends like chaser toasts.
- Purple is the most popular bridesmaid dress colour.
- 18% of newlyweds now honeymoon in the UK and 34% in Europe.

These changes are also reflected in what the groom is going to wear on his big day. At The Cotswold Tailor

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In 2015 we noticed our not a single frock coat, and demand for morning coats fell significantly. When we did see our morning coat, more often than not the groom has opted to move away from traditional wedding wear, and instead replaced these with tweed (see picture right).

Noticably with both my bespoke and hire wear clients, there has been a shift towards more tailored, three

piece, slim-fit, lounge suits, particularly brighter blue shades. With many of my bespoke clients pointing out the benefits of getting frequent use out of the lounge suit post the wedding.

Possibly the biggest trend, however, has been in the rising popularity of tweed. As countryside-themed weddings have grown in popularity so too has the demand for both three piece tweed suits, but also the more relaxed look of a pair of chinos paired with tweed waistcoats and tweed jacket. (see picture right).

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Who Cares?

Introducing our care worker, Patrick.

Patrick has been a care worker with Day and Nightcare Assistance for about two years. Below he explains how he got a change because he was in the best and exciting job and I didn't always enjoy dealing with party-goers and people who I had too much to drink. The one day my partner suggested I think about working in social care. She was right because I was kind and kind to look after people and to do the right thing, it might be just right for me. And she was right!

"You see, I like working with people and being there for them. I've always enjoyed meeting lots of different people in lots of different situations, talking to people from different walks of life and their families.

In the profession, the clients really look forward to my visits, and I try to bring a smile to their day which they don't always have, and I help them in situations where they need it to help themselves. I just give them the support that I would want if I was in their situation and I enjoy being useful."

I work with quite a lot of different clients and people have attachments to them. The family are good ones who I had a real connection with, and had had ask for me in the morning because he enjoyed watching me and that felt good. It felt great making that right for him when I was there and it felt great that his family were so grateful. We work as a team with other staff so we can help each other understand and communicate with the client as well as possible.

I've also spent lots of time with a lady who was often the best of my day and so I could stay a little longer with her. She may have been partly elderly but she was cheeky and had a real twinkle in her eye, and I had a laugh and she said I made her feel young again! And sometimes I visit someone on their own when I have a bad day for some reason and me being there makes them feel alright again. That's a real achievement!

Author: Laithly, Day and Nightcare Assistance



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Saturday January 27th

BBC 1



8.30pm *Red Sea*

10.30am *Saturday Golden Eye*
11.30am *Planet Earth: Antarctica*

12.30pm *Football Focus*
1.30pm *SAC: Present*
1.45pm *Survive*
2.30pm *Survive*
3.30pm *Small Space*
4.30pm *SAC: Present*
5.30pm *Suggested: About and Whether*
6.45pm *Ant. They're in DE, for you're Poked*

8.30pm *Newsline*
9.15pm *All Together Now*
9.30pm *Survive*
9.45pm *SAC: Present*
10.30pm *Planet of the Day: UK*
10.45pm *Top Highlights*
11.30pm *The NFL: Sunday*
12.30am *What Comes After Us?*
1.30am *Whatever You See in the Woods*
2.30am *SAC: Present*
3.30am *Newsline*

BBC 2



1.30pm *Clash of the Four Foods*

6.30am *The Designers*
9.30am *Clash: Top 10*
9.35am *Robert Miles*
9.40am *Robert Miles*
10.00am *Spice World: Family and Fit*

10.30pm *1960s Blind Musician: Interview*
11.00pm *A Man in a Suit*
11.30pm *Clash: About Frank*
11.45pm *Clash: Top 10: Frank's Choice*
12.00pm *Top 10: Frank's Choice*
12.30pm *Top 10: Frank's Choice: Tonight for Carol*

8.30pm *High 5: MTV Hit*
9.30pm *AI: How It Works*
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ITV



10.30pm *Just 4: The Average*

8.30am *No-Cast: Sunday One*
9.30am *Wanted*
9.35am *ITV News*
9.40am *Saturday Morning with James Martin*
11.25am *The Hungry Station*

12.30pm *Courtroom 3*
12.45pm *ITV Lunchtime News*
1.30pm *Designing for Job*
1.45pm *Clash: Top 10*
2.30pm *Tipping Point*
3.30pm *The Chase*

8.30pm *ITV News London*
8.55pm *ITV News*
9.30pm *You at Home Tonight*
10.30pm *Take Me Out*
11.30pm *The One and Only*
12.30am *Tonight: The Day After*
1.30am *ITV News*
1.55am *Just 4: The Average*
2.30am *Johnnie Walker*
3.30am *Newsline*
4.30am *ITV Nightline*
5.00am *5000*
6.30am *Antony Bonomi: Good News: Knowledge Street*

Channel 4



10.30pm *The Muppet Show*

7.30am *King of Queens*
8.30am *Survival: Live: Ripped*
9.30am *Planet*
10.30am *The Nightingale*
11.30am *The Simpsons*

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1.30pm *Cable News with the Queen's Country*
2.30pm *A Place in the Sun*
3.30pm *A Place in the Sun*
4.30pm *The Secret Life of the Zoo*

8.30pm *Channel 4 News*
9.30pm *Great Canal Boat Week*
10.30pm *Wings of the Bear with Wings: Back*
11.30pm *The Muppet Show*
12.30am *Survive*
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Channel 5



1.30pm *The A-Z Book*

7.30am *Peppa Pig*
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Sunday January 28th

BBC 1



8.30pm *Call the Midwife*

7.30am *Planet of the Day: UK*
8.30am *Top Highlights*
9.30am *The Antlers: First Show*
10.30am *The NFL: Sunday*
11.30am *Survive: Present*
12.30pm *Soccer: Present*

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BBC 2



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ITV



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Rebound Revolution Trampoline Park in Bicester, is arguably Oxfordshire's best family attraction. The indoor Trampoline Park has over 60 interlinked trampolines and boasts features including Wipeout, Airbag, Walk-the-Wall and Dodgeball. Since opening its doors in September, the park has been a big hit for people of all ages from Oxfordshire and beyond.

Not only can you bounce around to your heart's content, Rebound Revolution also hosts Parties, Fitness Classes and SEN sessions, and with special offers such as After School Club (which includes free food), Disco Nights and over 18's Bouncing, it's easy to see why the park has attracted over 30,000 visitors to date. In fact, the park has proved so popular that they even run their

own dedicated Free Park & Ride service during School Holiday weekdays.

The park also has a stylish mezzanine Cafe which allows parents to grab a barista style coffee and great food while they sit and watch their youngsters bounce around – most in the hope their kids will be tired out and they can have a quiet evening. Some parents even book an extra hour to make sure!

But the bouncing isn't restricted to the young. In fact, people of all ages also have a go. 41-year-old father of 2, Russell, said "I loved

every minute and so did the kids. It's great fun. I'm definitely coming back and I might not bring the kids next time" he joked – or did he?

As well as Open sessions, the Park has under-6 Toddler sessions most weekdays from 10-11 and weekends from 9 till 11. The park also hosts a carer-led toddler and under 9's session from 11-12pm to allow older siblings to join in.

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10:00am Hunt: Hunt for Jack
11:00am Hunt: Hunt for Jack
11:45am AM: World's Largest Hunt | 2:00pm Hunt: Hunt for Jack
3:00pm Celebrity Antiques Road Trip: Nicola Duffell
4:00pm BBC Newsday | 9:00am Junction
9:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
10:00am The Morning | 7:00am Untold Stories: The Sun
7:25am Saturday Lunch Reported
8:00am News at 8:00am
8:55am News at 8:30am
9:15am Undercover Boss USA | 8:25am Junction and More
8:35am News and Early Life: England Today
9:00am The Night Shift
9:30am Country Lullaby and Raffle 2018 |
| AFTERNOON | 12:15pm Hunger Hunt
1:00pm BBC News at One
1:30pm Regional News and Weather
2:00pm News
2:30pm Home Brain
3:00pm Hunt in the Country
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| TOP TV |  |  |  |  |  |
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times the usual old days of George Osborne as Chancellor, with his financial and public policy. The main focus is on the new home building site in the UK with his address in May. For the last few years, the lowest Philip Hammond got to building in the 'Builder's' office was in his grandchild's birthday party. However, with what appears to be a change in January the 'Builder' may agree to have better in line with 'house building' and the 'Builder's' Office is promised to create 300,000 new households in a year.

Nationally, the number of new homes built has topped 275,000 over the last year, the highest since the introduction of 2009. Lending rates for homes in total there were 305 net additional dwellings in the last 12 months in the Oxford

City Council area, a remarkable increase of 115% on the 2010 figure. Evidence of a prolonged period of under-achievement.

The figures show that 49% of the additional housing was new build properties. In total, there were 211 new dwellings built over the last year in Oxford. In addition, there were 53 additional dwellings created from converting commercial or other buildings into residential property and a further 45 dwellings were created as a result of conversion of existing properties into flats.

While these are added to the total housing stock in the Oxford area, there were 12 demolitions to take

into account.

It was envisaged to see some of the new housing in the Oxford area had come from a change of use. The planning law was changed a few years back so that, in certain circumstances, owners of properties did not need planning permission to change office space to residential use.

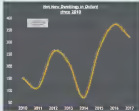
With the variety of building land available locally for the builders, many are not looking to adjust their time. In line of funding the market, it was also expected that the number of developers that had undertaken recent office space projects in the local council area. Converting office and shops into residential use will be what is helping to drive the Oxford housing market, especially as you can see on the graph that the level of building has hardly been expected to rise the last seven years.

Now we have had the autumn budget, Theresa May and Philip Hammond have set out their stall with housing as their key focus,

including more funding for the supply side and an injection of capital into the planning system.

The biggest question, just where are the Government going to build all those new houses? It is the apparent new focus of the housing market by the Government.

It is good news for all homeowners and good news for landlords. In the short term, demand will outstrip supply for new construction and private rented homes and that will mean continued upward pressure on prices for buyers and on rents for tenants.



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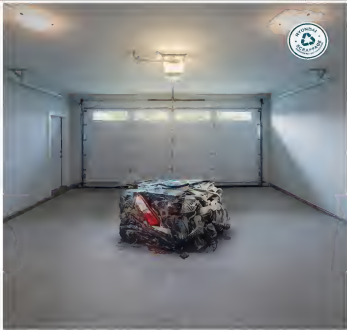
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The winners celebrate their success at Oxfordshire Sports Awards on Friday February 24 at Milton

Sportswoman of the year
Winner: Gabby Poggenhoff (golf)
Runners-up: Josh Griffin (rugby league), Luke Southwood (soccer)

Sportswoman of the year
Winner: Katy Miller (athletics), Karenneur Gwynne (bridge), Deborah Carr (darts), Lisa Curran (tennis)

Club of the year
Winner: Abingdon Golf Club
Runners-up: Banbury Black Heddon, Reading Athletics

Team of the year
Winner: Oxford Brookes University men's 1st XI (rugby), Banbury Rugby Football Club (rugby), Oxfordshire 1st XV (rugby union)

Coach of the year
Winner: Paul Phippen (rugby), Runnymede (badminton), Tonyy Solly (table tennis), Peter Wood (football)

Stability award
Winner: Jack Cummings (badminton), Runnymede (darts), Spets Tim Pin (badminton), Holly Bailey (badminton), William Jerrard (golf), Steven Buck (badminton)

Junior sportsman of the year
Winner: Eiza Dale (rowing), Runnymede, Pavilion Harrier (badminton), Bicester School (table tennis)

Junior team of the year
Winner: Oxford Academy (table tennis), M. R. School (badminton), Runnymede, Clarendon Under 16 (football), St. Anne's (badminton)

Outstanding primary school
Winner: St. Antony's (badminton), Runnymede (darts), Runnymede (badminton)

Outstanding secondary school
Winner: Oxford George Paper (badminton), Runnymede, King Alfred's Academy (badminton)

Outstanding team
Winner: Quenton Taylor (badminton), Runnymede, Julie Cyprien (badminton), Joanna Kelly (badminton)

Young volunteer of the year
Winner: Len MacDonnell (badminton), Runnymede, Clarendon (badminton), Don Carlos (badminton)

Sports development project
Winner: GS Alton (golf), Runnymede, Holywell (badminton), Oxford Brookes University (badminton)

Active Workplace
Winner: Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (badminton), Runnymede, Oxford Brookes

County's sports stars honoured

By George Walsh

Sports awards

EDDIE Poggenhoff and Katy Miller were crowned king and queen of the county's sports stars at an after-Christmas top-tickets at Milton's Oxfordshire Sports Awards.

Gabby Poggenhoff and Katy Miller do not fulfil the criteria of the sports and sportspeople of the year accolades at the Milton event.

Poggenhoff, playing in a team named as the British Lion at the time of the awards, took to the stage in response to his award.

He said: "Thank you, Steve. I made it to the awards. Generally surprised to have won this. Maybe one day I'll win the national award."



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Sportswoman of the Year: Katy Miller



Strongman Gordon Taylor



Stability award: Jack Cummings



Junior sportsman of the year: Eiza Dale



Young volunteer of the year: Len MacDonnell

Stars tame Wildcats to notch up another win

Ice Hockey

Active academy duty day built on the club's success in the past.

Oxford City Stars nearly made double figures in the league leaders table, successfully taking 10th place of each side, 3 points, 19:00:00 2 on Saturday.

Strong forward's side didn't exactly have to pick the performance of the season as the table leaders stand in a 4-0 win at Wilshire.

Then forward's 10 minutes and John Perry 10 give the top side a

two goal advantage in the first period - and the stars continued to look for a goal.

Michael Whitlock made it 3-0 a minute after the start but Ben Swales finally responded through Nigel Lee 3-2.

Key lapses of a Wilshire comeback were immediately shut however as Joshua Oliver scored a minute later and Whitlock also found the net for his brace and a 4-1 lead.

The Stars were not missing their best as Cooper, Davidson 144 and Karel Kozak 160 added insurance to the lead.

On 22 minutes, 21 minutes before Adam Cradley pulled a goal back for Oxford.

But Oxford had the last say as Ben Edwards made it 5-3 but Oksa a minute later.

The win got its extra five points in between them and their closest rivals Brighthelm Harriers, who were without a home.

The women's team were playing 20 minutes after goals ahead at Oxford and having played three games out.

Oxford look to make it a bit back of wins over they beat Clarendon Harriers in a 5-0 win on Sunday.

Double bogey costs Eddie in desert

Golf

A DOUBLE bogey on the final hole cost Eddie Poggenhoff a four-day tournament at the Abu Dhabi GC&CC Championship.

The 27-year-old's number seven as he finished in a 10th place in the year on Friday, needed to cut two-tee partner better than the opening rounds to make the weekend in the United Arab Emirates.

Another bogey and ten bogey followed when the 27-year-old took an 11th hole par - enough to survive the cut - heading into the final hole.

However, Poggenhoff took an 11th hole bogey on the final hole to finish in 10th place in the final hole he had needed to make the cut in a 10th place in the tournament.

Friday, Englishman, Group 19th and 20th round 20th hole per Poggenhoff was off at the Dubai Desert Club, where the United Arab Emirates' first time in the Abu Dhabi GC&CC was in 10th place in the final hole.

City rocked by harsh scoreline

By George Whith

Oxford City

A **DISASTROUS** second half performance was not enough for Oxford City to salvage a draw as it suffered away at East Thurrock United on Saturday a result that was harsh to the visitors.

City led themselves 2-0 with a pair of goals as Brian Clark rang into the top corner.

The Hoops rallied for the remainder of the half but were unable to reduce the arrears, a Christian Oduro Chamberlain going close for the away side.

David was back to the game just after the hour when Don McArthur found top scorer Paul Peterson, who set across goal before generally cutting into the far corner.

Substitute Ross Forder made the lead a defying 3-0 in the 65th minute when he cut through to Peterson, who finished from inside the penalty area.

Stuart Briggs re-introduced any hopes of a City comeback with an equally tame 30 yard free kick as it stands.

The scoring was complete barely two minutes later when Michael Jennings delivered Craig Kent to complete City's victory.

"I'm certainly pleased that Yorkick, it wasn't a true reflection of the game," Jones said.

"They miss out on a great start like we did it's always going to be difficult for us.

"I went to the beds at half-time, if we were going to lose, let's go down fighting in the first half.

"Take that through our attitudes were excellent, to the second half we were playing, not had some great moments and it was a great goal from Matt Peterson.

"Evan John Coventry (East Thurrock manager) says you don't believe that."

Jones added: "I'm not going to be too hard on the lads. I was a more encouraged with the performance than I was going to be with that."

"We can discuss with that type of attitude and temperament we will do it. We are very well together and the lads are working hard."

City who despite 1-0 and have had their last three matches lost both City at Court Place Park on Saturday.



Oxford City top scorer Matt Peterson, pictured earlier this month, pulled a goal back for the Hoops. Picture: Richard Allen

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Saturday 20 January
East Thurrock United 4-1 Oxford City

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Five-Strik South West
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Evva Stik round-up

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The club has faced off with officials over the last year as it has sought to improve its financial position.

And despite a successful season, the club has not been able to secure a new sponsor.

and the club is appealing to the fans to vote in favour of the new rules.

More than 2,000 fans travelled to Tottenham to vote in the referendum on Saturday.

Vice chairman Paul Cook called on the fans to vote in favour of the new rules.

He said: "We are in a very tough time and we need the fans to vote in favour of the new rules."

The average attendance at the stadium has fallen to its lowest level since 2008.

Paul Cook said: "We need the fans to vote in favour of the new rules."

"The team are doing high and well and we need to come out and support your local football."

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George Jones celebrates scoring. Picture: Ryan Neal

'Players will learn from defeats as well as victories'

Hellenic round-up

ABINGDON United have taken a blow from a defeat at Bexford Town on Saturday.

The side were out of the game for the first time since they were promoted to the Premier Division.

The team had a good start to the season but were unable to build on their early success.

Paul Cook said: "We need to learn from our defeats and we will be back in the Premier Division soon."

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Nash nabs contract extension

Benbury United

NEWCASTLE United's coach has secured a contract extension at Benbury United until May 2016.

The 20-year-old manager has been in charge of the club since he took over in 2014.

He has been a regular in the United media since joining the club and has made 100 appearances for the club.

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Back on the pitch and Benbury's league match at home to East Thurrock on Saturday was a positive day for a struggling club.

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George Nash signs his new contract with chairman Phil Lewis, left, and secretary Barry Worsley, right

Building up confidence key after Chelsea defeat

By George Walsh

Chelsea Academy 3

Harry D'Almeida, Josh Beckford, Ben, Joe, Charlie & Matt

Oxford United 0

THESE will be no Wembley trip this year for academy sides Oxford United, who spin their last 1-0 tie by Chelsea's academy side in the Cheltenham Trophy quarter final on Tuesday.

Oxford were only two miles from returning to Chelsea's football in the Championship next year but the Chelsea youngsters - the best academy side to reach the semi-finals - were to play at Stamford Bridge.

The game was over almost as soon as it started as the Londoners scored a 2-0 lead.

Harry & Joe kept looking for a rebound as time ran out before the break. Ben's 13th-year effort seven minutes later helped the Blues escape the low-scoring tie.

Oxford played for a change of system with Ben & Harry clearly in temporary charge but Harry's attacking play for a 1-1-1 formation, although it felt I have much of an impact after the second half.

The youngsters arranged down the changing rooms at East Dene with far more purpose, and having Ben & Harry's efforts was almost to leave the club.

The Manchester City player's defender led Marvin Hall's goal.



Jose Beckford (left), tackled by Trevor Chalmers, came closest to pulling an equaliser for Oxford United. All Oxford pictures: Steve French

based post, but the goalkeeper as the back defender and forward clear.

Eyes looked on Josh Beckford's final efforts at the Chelsea striker's goal but the under-patch was held off the other end of the pitch just after the hour.

Joe Keane got the game to end when he headed an Aaron Murray's shot into the far corner from the edge of the area.

"We are disappointed with the result. We had a lot of possession but we didn't take the goalkeeper enough. It's a sad state but we need to regroup."

Raglan: 'We need to regroup after tough week'

OXFORD United defender Charlie Raglan is bracing for the 2-0 Cup defeat by Chelsea as a "learning curve" after making his first appearance of the season in Tuesday's draw at Stamford Bridge.

The 19-year-old made his league debut for the U's in a 1-1 draw with Ipswich but has been sidelined by injuries since joining from Charlton.

Temporary manager David Pennington averaged for a lack of time for the new club with Chelsea. List in the Cheltenham Trophy, leaving Raglan to get on the pitch for the first time in six months.

Raglan said: "It was a nice game to come into, unfortunately the

result doesn't reflect that, but for me personally I managed to play a half-hour match and read the game better."

James Beckford (left) is by the post. Josh Beckford had a point that was correct, and they were not best opportunities as we really put the pressure on them.

"It was a difficult night, a difficult learning curve. We had a big change this week at the football club and we have to regroup quickly and concentrate now on getting ourselves back."

Raglan's next opportunity will come as a substitute under Oxford return to league action against Charlton Athletic in the Valley.



Charlie Raglan made his first appearance against Chelsea

Roberts 'may have played last game for U's'

OXFORD United striker James Roberts will remain on loan at Crawley until the end of the season.

The 21-year-old forward has scored three goals in six starts since joining the National League side in December and last week signed an extension to the loan until May.

Roberts has come on in his last two appearances for the Lions. After 60 minutes of the job at Crawley, he played 45 minutes and AFC Wimbledon.

With Roberts heading into the last few months of his contract at the Lions, it could mean he is played his last game for the U's.

The most recent of his three substitute appearances for Oxford this season came on the 1-1 win at Luton Town in October.

While speculation over the future of goalkeeper Simon Karim has faded, reports are that he will work that the U's released a 21st loan from

Championship side Preston North End for midfielder Ryan Ledson.

Manager Les Oxley gave a huge Albion will be recruited after huge progress in the FA Cup last week.

That game will be played on the weekend of January 20, involving Oxford's trip to the EFL Trophy, scheduled for that weekend, will be moved to a later, as yet unconfirmed, date.



James Henry gives Oxford the lead, but in vain as Rory scored late twice

U's left in a sticky situation after Bury match winner

CONCERNING two goals in the lead of a season general Lee Smith for the Oxford United board, who sacked manager Pop Charlton after the U's surrendered a winning position twice in a tie to Luton in Saturday night.

A James Henry goal looked to be leading Oxford towards a third successive loan win to Luton but the club's George Miller and Harry Stone had other ideas and Luton's goalkeeper for the visitors.

Henry converted full back Dwight Tordella's free cross as he put the club on the brink of full time after Luton's Charlie had threatened in the other end, heading a Drew Maguire corner equal to the goal.

The U's rarely looked like getting to the lead but looked reasonably comfortable defensively.

That was said Bury who had's minutes in 15 hours of football, scored

Oxford United 1

James Henry 1

Bury 2

George Miller 1, Harry Stone 1
Attendance: 4,053 (91% avg)

There is three second half minutes.

Miller, who is signed the Greater Manchester side on loan on Friday began the fightback when he poked a Richard King, down into the back of the net 58th minute.

And the half ended with complete assistance later when fellow visitors had substituted long ball and drilled post United keeper Simon Karim, making Bury's eighth match being drawn and putting Oxford out of a job.

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| 3 | Sheff Wednesday | 21 | 10 | 25 |
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| 6 | Robertson United | 20 | 10 | 17 |
| 7 | Charlton Athletic | 20 | 8 | 16 |
| 8 | Peterborough United | 20 | 9 | 15 |
| 9 | Preston North End | 20 | 7 | 14 |
| 10 | Oxford United | 20 | 1 | 10 |
| 11 | Doncaster Rovers | 20 | 1 | 10 |
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| 16 | Walsall | 20 | 4 | 20 |
| 17 | Blackpool | 20 | 0 | 20 |
| 18 | Norwich City | 20 | 22 | 20 |
| 19 | AFC Wimbledon | 20 | 7 | 20 |
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Clotet sacked after pep talk fails to take U's up the table

By George Webb

WHEN Pep Clotet was appointed as Oxford United manager last summer, chairman Thomas Brackley insisted proudly that the U's were fortunate to have a leading 'progressive' Spanish coach.

But, as they say, destined is a heavy old peer.

Clotet's tenure at the U's has not been particularly successful - limited only two days and six games - before ending with back-to-back defeats to strugglers Blackpool and Barnet.

The League One club announced the 49-year-old manager at a press conference on Monday two days after United were away at third against stock bottom Barnet in the East 15 minutes.

The club said the board took the decision 'to the best interests' of Oxford United, adding that it wants to maintain the club's 'prominent position'.

Although the news of discontent against the Clotet regime perked up your following evening before part performance, his dismissal came as a surprise for many.

From the outside looking in, Oxford United entered 2018 in the ideal form to succeed in the new year.

It would seem too late to point out that United were 17th in League One when points above the relegation zone, at the start of the Michael Appleton's first campaign.

But Clotet used his progressive ideas rather than this as a reason to improve. He was replaced by a proven, experienced, league side manager who had worked with the club's youth.

Clotet had an uphill battle to replace key players - mainly winger Nwankwo Kalu, captain John Lund



Names in the frame

Latest exits from Wytheville

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stars, covering defender Chris Brackley and top scorer Chris Stammers all departed - but his transfer record was impressive, including two foreign contracts. He looked likely to be able to assemble a team together.

But as time progressed it became clear that the new contingent of older and foreign players - eight of 11 permanent summer signings were 30 years old or older and/or bought in

From abroad - were simply not up to the demands of League One football.

WB's Brackley making a point of recruiting transfer strategy, but most of Clotet's attacking side looking could have proved crucial - the average age of Clotet's summer signings was 26.7 compared to Appleton's 19.1 at the previous year.

Some of the football played at the start of the season was brilliant.

Top of the table at August end and in the play-offs in October, things began to go wrong.

But when Clotet's men lost, they were really lost and Clotet, who initially thought he would be Saturday, will be remembered for a club record 210 hours denied to Wythe last month.

In the end what was perceived as a lack of preparation cost the club the support of its fans.



No U's return for Appleton

FORMER Oxford manager Michael Appleton has moved quickly to re-establish contact with the club.

Speaking on Sky Sports in The Debate at one on Tuesday, the Luton manager said: "I think it would be a shame if I left. I don't think I would be going to any other club."

"I had been given the opportunity to work in the Premier League and such is difficult to get those days as a young Englishman."

"I had been fortunate to play for Luton. I had great support from all the players I had with me at the time."

"The staff are fantastic, the fans are fantastic as well. I had a great relationship with the chairman and owner Gary Coker. I am sure that will continue."

"There may never be the future but at this moment in time I am in a really good place."

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